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Congressman Filner: \$40,000 in Federal Funds Awarded to National City Fire Department

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Bob Filner recently announced that the National City Fire Department will receive \$40,000 under a grant award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"This is great news for fire protection in National City!" said Congressman Filner. "With tight budgets in every city right now, federal funding can go a long way to helping our cities meet the demands they face to strengthen vital emergency services."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is an important component of the larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the Nation's overall level of preparedness and ability to respond to fire and related hazards. The purpose of the AFG is to

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award grants directly to fire departments and EMS organizations that are unaffiliated with a hospital to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first-responder personnel. Using a competitive process that is overseen by fire service subject matter experts, AFG grants are awarded to applicants whose requests best address the priorities of the AFG Program.